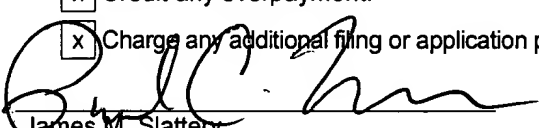




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INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

In response to the Office Action mailed April 28, 2006 (Paper No. 20060424), the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 9 of this paper.